15 February 1961

Chief, FBID

Chief, Field Operations Staff, FBID

Letter of Information Notes - January 1961

- 1. In early January the African Bureau at Kaduna, Nigeria began its monitoring operations by covering Radio Garoua programs dealing with the Cameroonian plebiscite scheduled for mid-February. Languages used in these broadcasts were Hausa and Fulani. Monitored items were passed to the Office of the Premier of the Northern Region of Nigeria. Some of the monitored material was either filed or mailed to Washington.
- 2. Tests are being conducted to establish a direct simplex circuit between the German and London Bureaus. It will permit more rapid transmission of the German Bureau's file.
- 3. It is planned to send a two-man survey team to Puerto Rico in the spring of this year to determine whether the island would be a suitable location for monitoring South American, African and European transmitters.
- 4. Bureaus having knowledge of important events and speeches which will be broadcast within their normal coverage areas and which they are unable to monitor because of reception or staffing limitations, should notify headquarters and/or other interested bureaus of their inability to cover adequately, providing pertinent coverage details (time, frequency, language).
- 5. Warsaw on 20 January inaugurated broadcasts in English and French for Africa, totalling 102 hours a week in each language.

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- 6. Field bureaus are requested advise the Chief, BIS when a cruising monitor expects to be absent from duty for more than 3 days in order that cruising assignments may be properly allocated to bureaus.
- 7. When an extensive cruising assignment has been levied on a bureau by headquarters, an estimate of the date when bureau expects completion of the project should be sent to the Chief, BIS as soon as possible. He should also be informed of any subsequent revision of the estimate.

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- 5. Warsaw inaugurated broadcasts in English and French for Africa on 20 January totalling  $10\frac{1}{2}$  hours a week in each language.
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Hausa and Fulani programs broad The african Bureau began monitoring Radio Garoua during January in Hausa and Palani for the Republic of the Camerouns comment on the mid-February plebiscite to be held in the mandated territory. Copy was passed to the Premier of Northern Region's Office as well as filing for Daily Report use.

- 2. A direct simplex circuit between the German and London Bureaus, permitting rapid transmission of the German Bureau's file, was established during the month.
- 3. A two-man survey team is being sent to Puerto Rico to determine whether the island would be a suitable location for monitoring South America, Africa and European transmitters.
- 4. Bureaus having knowledge of important events which will be broadcast within their normal coverage areas and who are Mnable to effect coverage either because of reception or staffing limitations should notify FOS of the pertinent coverage details (time, frequency language) and state their inability to cover d.
- During the month the following news breaks were received at headquarters which are presentative of processing and transit time from the various bureaus 13 litto below:

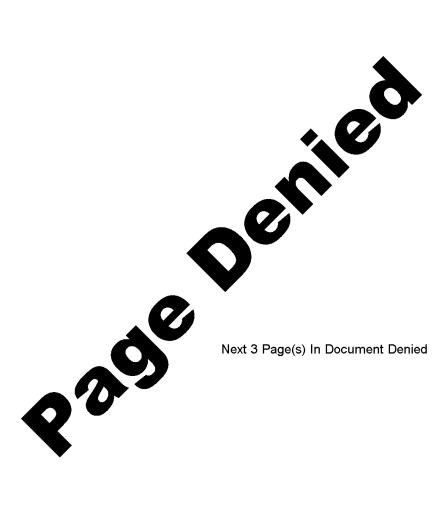
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London	FYI RB-47 flyers	Moscow TASS English	25/1 2330	2337	
Panama	Text Salvador Cabinet	San Salvador Spanish	1330	1459	

6. Warsaw inaugurated broadcasts in English and French for Africa on 20 January totalling 10½ hours in each language.

7. Field bureaus are requested to advise the Chief, BIS when a requester monitor expects to be absent from duty for more than 3 days in order that cruising assignments may be properly allocated to bureaus.

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London FYI



14 February 1961

BIS CONTRIBUTION TO FOS ENTRY IN MONTHLY LETTER OF INFO (15 Jan-15 Feb 61)

- 1. Privile Rango et Warsaw inaugurated broadcasts in English and French for Africa on 20 January totalling 102 hours in each language.
- 2. The BIS, at the request of the USIA, amended the portions of the USIA report: "Survey of Radio in Africa South of the Sahara" dated 29 February 1960. The ptatus of radio transmitters in sub-Sahara Africa in January 1961 was outlined in the amendment.
  - 3. Coverage of West Africa was increased by the inauguration on 10 February of a 100 kilowatt shortwave transmitter at Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The station is well heard in North America as well as in Europe, Africa, and the Near East.

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4. Field bureaus are requested to advise the Chief, BIS when a cruising monitor is absent from duty for more than to days in order that cruising assignments may be properly allocated to bureaus. When an extensive cruising/assignment is requested, an estimate/of the date reference and tickers seemed by total requirements now the helication

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